Miss AMERICA
A MYSTERIOUS LEAP OUT OF A WINDOW PLUNGES THAT CRIME-CRUSHING DYNAMO MISS AMERICA ON THE TRAIL OF A VOICE OF DEATH, IN A STRANGE MYSTERY. WHEN....
"MURDER MAKES A RECORD!"
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ONE MORNING, MISS AMERICA CONFERS AT HOMICIDE HEADQUARTERS....
YOU'VE A LEAD ON THE ROCKVILLE BANDIT?
YES AND I'M GOING TO TRY IT, CHIEF... OH-OH, WHAT'S THIS?
I NEED HELP! PLEASE!
I'M LOIS ANDERS, A SINGER! I NEED HELP BADLY! SOMEONE IS TRYING TO KILL ME!
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

I'VE HAD TWO NEAR ACCIDENTS! YESTERDAY A BUILDING CORNICE BARELY MISSED ME! A SHORT WHILE AGO A CAR NEARLY RAN ME DOWN! IT SEEMED DELIBERATE!
WHO WOULD WANT TO KILL YOU?
I DON'T KNOW! YOU'LL HELP ME, WON'T YOU?
WAIT HERE, MISS ANDERS! MISS AMERICA, WILL YOU STEP INTO THE NEXT ROOM A MINUTE! I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU!
I KNOW LOIS ANDERS! SHE'S ALWAYS COOKING UP SOME ATTENTION-CATCHING STUNT...CRAZY FOR PUBLICITY. IF THIS STORY ISN'T ON THE LEVEL, I'M GOING TO LOCK HER UP!
SHE'S GONE! IF IT WASN'T MALARKEY SHE WOULDN'T HAVE RUN OFF! NO USE WASTING OUR TIME!
WHICH REMINDS ME-THE ROCKVILLE BANK BANDIT! SO LONG!
THAT NIGHT, AT HOME, MISS AMERICA RELAXES AS PLAIN MADELEINE JOYCE....
HO, HUM---THE ROCKVILLE BANDIT'S NEW ADDRESS IS THE COUNTY JAIL! I'LL TUNE IN ON THE RADIO AND GET THEIR VERSION OF MY ROUNDUP!
....AND SO ENDED ANOTHER CASE, THANKS TO MISS AMERICA. HERE'S ANOTHER NEWS FLASH--- LOIS ANDERS, POPULAR SINGER, COMMITTED SUICIDE A HALF HOUR AGO BY JUMPING FROM HER PENT-HOUSE APARTMENT!
LOIS ANDERS!!!
SHE SAID SOMEONE WANTED TO KILL HER! SUICIDE? MISS AMERICA'S GOING TO LOOK INTO THIS!
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A LIGHTNING COSTUME-CHANGE, AND A COMET FLIGHT TO....
THEY'RE TAKING AWAY THE BODY... AND THERE'S CHIEF BRADY!
WELL, MISS AMERICA! TOO BAD, ISN'T IT? BUT AN ERRATIC PERSONALITY—THE SUICIDE TYPE!
SO SHE LEFT A NOTE?
FOUND IT ON HER WRITING DESK NEAR THE WINDOW SHE JUMPED FROM!
Life isn't worth living! So long world.
Lois Anders
...AND IT CHECKS WITH OTHER SAMPLES OF HER HANDWRITING!
BUT SHE THOUGHT HER LIFE WAS IN DANGER...THAT PUZZLES ME! CHIEF, I DON'T THINK LOIS ANDERS KILLED HERSELF!
NEITHER DO I!
WHO ARE YOU?
MARY COLLINS...LOIS' COUSIN, I WAS COMING TO VISIT HER, A POLICEMAN JUST TOLD ME! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE! LOIS LOVED LIFE SO!
I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THIS UP! I'LL START BY LOOKING OVER THAT PENTHOUSE AND I'LL WANT INFORMATION FROM YOU, MISS COLLINS!
GO AHEAD! WASTE YOUR TIME AND ENERGY! AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE CASE IS CLOSED!
OF COURSE! ANYTHING I CAN DO!
SOON...
SH-H-H-H! SOMEONE'S HERE!
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A HALF SECOND LATER!
DOWN! QUICK!
WHEN THE BARRAGE OF HOT LEAD CEASES....
GONE! HE MUST HAVE ESCAPED THROUGH THAT REAR DOOR TO A SERVICE ELEVATOR! I'M GOING DOWN!
NOT LONG AFTER...
TOO LATE! WHOEVER IT WAS, HE ESCAPED! MMM, A VOICE RECORDER! LOIS NO DOUBT MADE SINGING RECORDS OF HER VOICE!
YES, OFTEN!
IT'S THE NEW SILENT, AUTOMATIC TYPE, AND IT'S TURNED ON FOR SOUND. THESE FRESH INDENTATIONS ON THE FELT SHOW THAT A RECORD MUST'VE JUST BEEN REMOVED FROM THE DISC TURNER! IF THIS WAS ON, A TRANSCRIPTION OF WHATEVER TOOK PLACE HERE WHEN LOIS MET HER DEATH WAS MADE! AND THAT TELL-TALE RECORD IS WHAT THAT GUNMAN TOOK!
MARY, WHAT MEN FIGURED MOST IN LOIS' LIFE?
WELL, HER CLOSE FRIENDS WERE HAL LATHAM, THE SONG PUBLISHER AND JIM CLARK, A YOUNG HANDSOME BOND BROKER. SHE WAS ENGAGED TO JIM!
I'LL PAY THEM BOTH A VISIT!
SOON...
BURNING A BLOTTER, MR. LATHAM! RATHER UNUSUAL! LET ME SEE IT!
HUH?
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GRABBING THAT ANDIRON WON'T HELP YOU!
I'LL--OH!
AS THE MUSIC MAN LIES DAZED.....
IT HADN'T BURNED YET! MUST BE SOMETHING IMPORTANT IF HE WAS SO ANXIOUS TO DESTROY IT!
SO! A POSSIBLE MOTIVE TO KILL LOIS ANDERS! JEALOUSY!
Lois, I love you. I always have! I can't let you marry Jim Clark. I must stop it!
TELL ME MORE!
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED HER! WHEN SHE BECAME ENGAGED TO YOUNG CLARK, I COULDN'T STAND IT ANY LONGER. I WROTE THIS NOTE BUT DIDN'T MAIL IT. THEN AFTER SHE DIED I REALIZED IF THERE WAS AN INVESTIGATION THIS NOTE WOULD BE AGAINST ME!
BUT I DIDN'T KILL HER, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! I'VE BEEN HOME ALL EVENING!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! I HAVE ANOTHER VISIT TO MAKE FIRST! BETTER BE HERE WHEN I WANT YOU AGAIN, LATHAM!
ANOTHER FAST FLIGHT, TO JIM CLARK'S FLAT, AND....
I DON'T BELIEVE LOIS ANDERS COMMITTED SUICIDE! WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE HER?
THIS AFTERNOON!
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YOU WERE ENGAGED, YET YOU HAD NO DATE WITH HER TONIGHT?
SHE TOLD ME SHE HAD TO SING TONIGHT. I STAYED AT HOME READING A BOOK!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED UNTIL HER COUSIN MARY PHONED ME A FEW MINUTES AGO/ HMMM..... WHERE ARE MY MATCHES?
IN THAT DRAWER YOU CLOSED SO FAST, AS SOON AS YOU SAW THEM!
WHAT KIND OF MINING COMPANY IS THIS? I CAN CHECK, UNLESS YOU PREFER TO TELL ME NOW!
PREMIUM MINING CO.
SUDDENLY!
NOT FAST ENOUGH, MR. CLARK! I'LL TAKE THAT GUN!
ALL RIGHT/ I SOLD LOIS $26,000 WORTH OF FAKE PREMIUM STOCK. I HAD THE MATCH FOLDER MADE UP FOR SHOW. I TOLD HER TO KEEP THE SALE QUIET FOR A WHILE! BUT LATELY SHE BEGAN TO ASK QUESTIONS/ I KNEW I'D HAVE TO KILL HER!
I MADE A COUPLE OF ATTEMPTS THAT MISSED/ BUT I WASN'T THE ONE WHO PUSHED HER TO HER DEATH/ IT WAS— UGH!
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AS CLARK FALLS DEAD, MISS AMERICA RACES TO THE NEXT ROOM, AND AN OPEN WINDOW!
THE KILLER GOT AWAY, DOWN THE FIRE ESCAPE! I THINK HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING! THE RECORD! HAL LATHAM LIVES TOO FAR UPTOWN AND WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TIME TO GET HERE, BUT . . . .
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
GOT IT BACK JUST IN TIME! JIM FIRED BLANKS AT MISS AMERICA AND ME WHEN HE STOLE THE RECORD FROM HERE, BUT I HAD TO SHUT HIM UP!
SUDDENLY!
I THOUGHT SO! YOU KNEW I WAS ON THE RECORD TRAIL AND HAD TIME TO GET TO CLARK'S! I'LL TAKE THAT RECORD AND CALL CHIEF BRADY! THIS CURTAIN CORD WILL HOLD YOU!
OHHH!
SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE HOMICIDE SQUAD REACHES THE PENTHOUSE DOOR.
MARY! I SAW YOU AND JIM TOGETHER! I'VE BEEN A FOOL! HE DOESN'T LOVE ME! HE LOVES YOU! HE-HE JUST WANTED TO SELL ME PREMIUM STOCK! I SEE IT ALL NOW!
YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO TALK, LOIS!
WHAT GOES ON HERE?
A RECORD, CHIEF, THAT TELLS EXACTLY WHO PUSHED LOIS OUT THE WINDOW! HERE'S YOUR KILLER!
AFTER SHE LEFT THE CRIME SCENE, SHE FEARED A RECORD MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE AUTOMATICALLY AND TIPPED OFF JIM CLARK TO GET IT! WHEN I GOT ON THE TRAIL, SHE HAD TO STEAL IT BACK! SHE KILLED JIM SO HE WOULDN'T TALK!
WHAT ABOUT THE SUICIDE NOTE?
I FORGED IT!
IT'S PHENOMENAL, THE WAY YOU SOLVE CASES, MISS AMERICA!
ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR CHIEF! SHE'S ALL YOURS NOW!
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THE END